

From: Jim
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/27/02 10:06am
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

821 Cross Street

Destin, FL 32541

January 26, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my disgust at the lengthy and costly lawsuit brought against Microsoft over the last three years. Microsoft has been a pillar of our Technology industry creating jobs, generating wealth, and making technological breakthroughs. As a proponent of free enterprise, I think the government needs to stop sticking their noses into private business matters.

The terms of the settlement are very harsh and will inhibit Microsoft's ability to be competitive especially the stipulation forcing them not to enter into third party agreement that obligates exclusive distribution of Microsoft products. Also, forcing them to disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products seems to be a violation of their intellectual property rights.

Nevertheless, it is in the best interests of the American public for the litigation to end, so I urge your office to implement the settlement and suppress the opposition from bringing future lawsuits. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Lundstrom

cc: Representative Jefferson Miller